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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of

**JAMES HALDEMAN ARMSTRONG , M.D.**

Holder of License No. 24923  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-08-0074A

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR  
PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and James Haldeman Armstrong, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement.") Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

3. That this Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.


4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended

1 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
2 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
3 any other state or federal court.

4 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing  
5 this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director  
6 Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any  
7 modifications to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually  
8 approved by the parties.

9 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public  
10 record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be  
11 reported to the National Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

12 7. If any part of the Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise  
13 unenforceable, the remainder of the Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in  
14 force and effect.

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1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
3 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 24923 for the practice of  
5 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. On January 26, 2008, Respondent called and reported to the Board that he  
7 had crossed professional boundaries with patients while employed at a  
8 family practice. The Respondent reported he was enrolling in a treatment  
9 program on January 28, 2008.

10 4. Pursuant to the Board investigation, on January 31, 2008, Respondent's  
11 treating psychologist ("psychologist") provided a letter stating that  
12 Respondent had recently experienced some delusional thinking, that  
13 Respondent reported having blackouts and does not know where he is for  
14 periods of time. Respondent told psychologist that he had exposed his penis  
15 to a 16 year old male patient three to five years ago. Respondent stated that  
16 the boy came in reporting a foreskin infection and Respondent showed him  
17 his own penis and what it should look like. Respondent also told the  
18 psychologist that, in 2005, while placing a cast on a patient's arm and  
19 touching her thigh, he asked her about her sexual history and received  
20 satisfaction by so doing. Respondent further reported to the psychologist  
21 that he had three or four patient complaints and that his current employer  
22 was not going to renew his contract.

23 4. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if  
24 Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public  
25 health and safety.

1 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2 1. The Arizona Medical Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter  
3 hereof and over Respondent.

4 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician  
5 if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. §32-1405(C)(25);  
6 A.A.C. R4-16-504.

7 ORDER

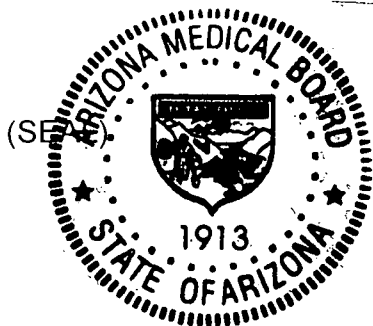
8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

9 1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving  
10 direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including  
11 prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission  
12 to do so.

13 2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the  
14 pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

15 3. This Order supersedes all previous consent agreements and stipulations  
16 between the Board and/or the Executive Director and Respondent.

17 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 4<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2008.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By

  
LISA WYNN  
Executive Director

23 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
24 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2008 with:

25 Arizona Medical Board  
9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

1 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing  
2 mailed/faxed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
3 2008 to:

4 James Haldeman Armstrong, M.D.  
5 Address of Record

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